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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS PROVIDING SUCTION-ASSISTED TISSUE  
ENGAGEMENT THROUGH A MINIMALLY INVASIVE INCISION

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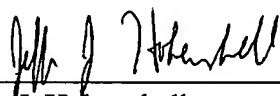
In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

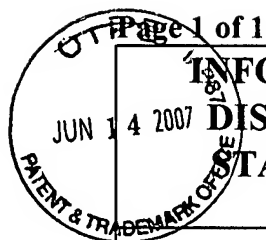
Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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	2006-0025756	02-02-2006	Francischelli et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)**

		Current status of claims in Serial No. 10/643,299, filed 08/19/2003 (10 pages).
		Specifications and drawings in Serial No. 10/643,299, filed 08/19/2003 (72 pages).

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